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Press Release

**Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI)  
2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan, Belize announces a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for Strengthening Government through Civil Society Engagement. For more information and eligibility requirements, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and search for "Belmopan." All grant proposals **MUST** be submitted on the grants.gov website. **Closing date for proposal submission: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.**

Contingent upon the availability of funds and quality of proposals, U.S. Embassy Belmopan intends to issue two to three awards in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 USD in total funding. Each award will be for an amount between \$100,000 and \$250,000. Project periods should not exceed two years, and the anticipated start date for successful proposals is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

This funding will support U.S. Government objectives under the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) to support democracy and good governance efforts in Belize and is part of the Economic Support Funds (ESF) grants program. Project proposals should address **one or more** of the following project objectives:

- 1) To develop and strengthen mechanisms that improve coordination and cooperation among key stakeholders to curb human trafficking and improve services to vulnerable and marginalized populations especially women and children. Proposals should focus on increased public awareness about the social impacts of human trafficking and building the capacity of individuals such as civilian frontline personnel and institutions to identify, respond to, and serve victims of human trafficking.
- 2) To support civil society efforts in working with government to institute reforms to reduce corruption and impunity. Proposals should support the reduction of corruption and the promotion of transparency and accountability across all levels to create strong, capable, and accountable governments.
- 3) To strengthen civil society and government collaboration to improve service delivery at the local, municipal, or national levels. Proposals should focus on activities by civil society organizations leveraging government, private and civil society resources, and network opportunities to jointly strengthen, expand or complement service delivery particularly in areas related to COVID response.

View the full 2022 CARSI-ESF NOFO under the "Related Documents" tab at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan will host a CARSI-ESF Grants Question & Answer Session on Facebook Live **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** Interested applicants are also encouraged to send any related questions or queries to [BelmopanCARSIESF@state.gov](mailto:BelmopanCARSIESF@state.gov).